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GROUP ART UNIT 1644

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For: DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AND  
USES THEREOF

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a request for continued examination (RCE) which applicants are submitting concurrently.

A response to the January 14, 2005 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application was originally due on April 14, 2005. Applicants filed an Amendment in response to the January 14, 2005 Final Office Action on March 14, 2005, i.e., within two months of the Final Office Action. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for responding to the Final Office Action was the later of April 14, 2005 or the date on which an Advisory Action was issued. Since an Advisory Action was issued on May 6, 2005, this date marks the end of the shortened statutory period for responding to the Final Office Action.

The required fee for a three-month extension of time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.1136(a) and §1.17(a)(3) is FIVE HUNDRED

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AND TEN DOLLARS (\$510.00) for a small entity, and a check for this amount is enclosed.

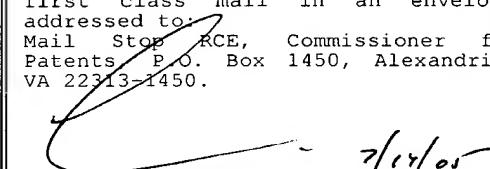
With a three-month extension of time, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing an RCE. Accordingly, the concurrently filed RCE is timely.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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